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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) AND AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

SIR:

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001 for which a three-month period of response was set to expire on November 28, 2001. The extended period ends on December 28, 2001.

A Response to Office Action accompanies this request.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the amount of \$110.00, corresponding to the fee for a one-month extension of time for a large entity, from Deposit Account 50-0720 in the name of Rohm & Monsanto, PLC. This document is provided in duplicate for accounting purposes.

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